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Meet Jane Beyer

Jane Beyer is serving as Assistant Secretary for Behavioral Health and Service Integration within the DSHS Aging and Disability Services Administration. She joined the Department in September 2012.

Jane served as senior counsel with the Washington State House of Representatives Democratic Caucus from 1988 through 1994, and again after January 1999. In that senior position with the House, she handled a variety of health care issues including: Medicaid, access to health care for uninsured people, individual and group health insurance reform, federal health care reform, state purchasing of health care, health care liability and medical malpractice, patient safety, mental health and long-term care. She also handled issues involving human services, child welfare and juvenile justice.

Jane is an active member of the National Academy for State Health Policy and is on the clinical faculty of the University of Washington School of Health Sciences. From 1995 through 1998, Jane was the Washington State Medicaid director.

She began her work in health law as an attorney with the American Bar Association Commission on Legal Problems of the Elderly from 1981 to 1984, and as a legal services attorney in Tacoma from 1984 to 1988. She graduated with honors from the University of North Carolina School Of Law in 1981.